REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application. No claims are amended, added or canceled. Claims 1-5, 7-22, 24-35 and 37-46 are pending in this application.

Non-Statutory Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-5, 7-22, 24-35 and 37-46

Claims 1-5, 7-22, 24-35 and 37-46 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obvious-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-53 of U.S. Patent No. 6,327,535 to Evans, et al.

A terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith to overcome the rejection in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c). Accordingly, the double patenting rejection is no longer applicable.

Claims 6, 23 and 36

Claims 6, 23 and 36 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obvious-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 22, 28, 38, 49 and 51 of U.S. Patent No. 6,597,906 to Van Leeuwen, et al.

Claims 6, 23 and 36 are canceled, thus rendering the rejection thereof moot.

Conclusion

All pending claims 1-5, 7-22, 24-35 and 37-46 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the subject application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

Respectfully Submitted,

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